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DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE AND PRESIDENTIAL PARTY EN ROUTE

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: FR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO RAYMOND BARRE

- 1. THE ELYSEE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS NAMED RAYMOND BARRE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF AS PRIME MINISTER. THE PREVIOUS BARRE GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED ITS RESIGNATION AT A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING EARLIER TODAY.
- 2. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SEND BARRE A SHORT PERSONAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS, PERHAPS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.
- 3. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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RENEWED APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR FAR-SEEING AND SAGACIOUS GUIDANCE. I AM SURE THAT THE CLOSE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH HAS MARKED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING -- A SPIRIT TO WHICH YOUR

CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN A MAJOR ONE -- WILL CONTINUE AND DEEPEN IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES,

4. IF THE FRENCH DESIRE, SUCH A MESSAGE MIGHT BE MADE PUBLIC AFTER RECEIPT. HARTMAN UNQTE COOPER

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